Provided that the inspector shall give a receipt for such fertilizers or books of accounts or documents so seized to the person from whom the same have been seized;

Provided further that the books of accounts or documents so seized shall be returned to the person from whom they were seized after copies thereof or extracts therefrom as certified by such person, have been take.

(2) Subject to the proviso to paragraphs (d) and (e) of Sub-clause (1), the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) relating to search and seizure shall, so far as may be, apply to searches and seizures under this clause.

- Provided also that the inspector shall give the stop sale notice in writing to the person whose stocks have been detained and initiate appropriate action as per the provisions of this order within a period of twenty one days. If no action has been initiated by the inspector within the said period of twenty one days from the date of issue of the said notice, the notice of stop sale shall be deemed to have been revoked.

(3) Where any fertilizer is seized by an inspector under this clause, he shall forthwith report the fact of such seizure to the collector whereupon the provisions of sections 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D and 6E of the Act, shall apply to the custody, disposal and confiscation of such fertilizers.

(4) Every person, if so required by an inspector, shall be bound to afford all necessary facilities to him for the purpose of enabling him to exercise his powers under sub-clause (1).

Compensation to Bhopal gas tragedy victims

†1721. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether compensation has been given to all the wards affected by the gas tragedy in Bhopal city of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of wards and the total amount of compensation provided to them;

(c) if not, the number of wards yet to be given compensation; and

(d) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Yes, compensation has been given after due adjudication to the claimants of 56 wards in Bhopal City, who proved that they were affected by MIC gas.

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(b) A total amount of original compensation of Rs.1548.54 crores has been awarded in 57,4,372 cases of all 56 wards. Out of these, 56 wards, 36 wards, were declared as gas affected. Out of the total 5,74,372 awarded cases, 5,69,166 cases pertain to 36 gas affected wards and 5206 cases pertain to remaining 20 wards. In these 20 wards, approximately Rs.13.00 crore was disbursed as compensation.

(c) None.

(d) A proposal for declaring the remaining 20 wards of Bhopal city as gas affected was received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The proposal was duly considered by the Group of Ministers on Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster in the meetings held on 17th April, 2008 and 11th June, 2008 and the same was not found to be feasible.

Utilization of Sugar Development Fund

†1722. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether crores of rupees of sugarcane farmers are credited with the Central Government as Sugar Development Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to use this Fund in sugarcane development and promotion of sugar industries; and

(d) if so, the details of utilization of this Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Sugar Development Fund consists of the Proceeds of duty of excise levied and collected on all sugar produced by any sugar factory in India reduced by the cost of collection together with any moneys received by the Central Government for the purpose of sugar Development Fund Act, 1982 and any income from investments of such amounts.

(c) and (d) Yes, sir. As per the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982 and the Sugar Development Fund Rules, 1983, the funds thereunder are utilised by the Central Government for the following purposes:-

(i) For making loans for facilitating the rehabilitation and modernization of any sugar factory or any unit thereof or the undertaking of any scheme for development of sugarcane in the area in which any sugar factory is situated,

(ii) Making grants for the purpose of any research project aimed at the development of sugar industry.

(iii) For making loans to any sugar factory or unit thereof for bagasse-based co-generation power projects with a view to improving their viability.

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